Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

*616. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fresh Commission of Inquiry headed by a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India on disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Profit/Losses of Textiles Mills

†*617. PROF. R B. S. VARMA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to review the closed textile mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of textile mills in the country at present and the number of them earning profits and those making losses; and

(d) the reasons for their making losses?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) to (d) In order to review the potentially viable sick textile mills which may or may not be closed, and with a view to timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies the Government of India has enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and established and Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by

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BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital, indication of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

As on 31.3.2002, there were 2067 cotton/man-made fibre spinning, composite and exclusive weaving textile mills in the Non-SSI Sector and 1046 SSI spinning units in the country. There are also 3.75 lakh powerloom units. Similarly there are large number of units in decentralised/small scale sector under various segments like knitting, processing, readymade garments, etc. Government is not maintaining State-wise details of mills earning profit/incurring losses.

Those the reasons for incurring losses would differ from textile mill to textile mill, in general the reasons for losses may include obsolete machinery, uneconomic operations, power supply, surplus workforce, high cost of production, low productivity, financial mismanagement, marketing problems etc.

INDO-US military ties

*618. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as part of the continuing efforts to foster closer Indo-US military ties, think-tanks of both the countries have teamed up for regular interaction;

(b) if so, whether the National Defence University of the US and Delhi-based Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) have evolved an institutionalized mechanism to keep in touch;

(c) if so, whether an IDSA team led by its Director visited the US to draw up a blueprint for regular interaction and exchange of information; and

(d) if so, to what extent it has helped both India and the US?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes Sir, think tanks of India and U.S. have teamed up for regular